

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5, 2002



Absent Voters/Absentee Ballots

Special Absent Voter's Ballot Application

Sept. 6, 2002

Federal Election - Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot

Sept. 6 thru Nov. 5, 2002

Mail Ballot Precinct:

Elections Official Mails Ballot

Oct. 16, 2002

Absent Voter Ballot Application

Oct. 7 thru Oct. 29, 2002

Absentee Voting in Elections Office

Oct. 7 thru Nov. 5, 2002

Candidates - Nominations

**Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Independent Candidates
(Assembly)**

Sept. 28 thru Nov. 7, 2001

**Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Independent Candidates
(Congress & United State Senate)**

Apr. 26, thru July 25, 2002

Declaration of Intention - Independent Candidates (Assembly)

Oct. 29, thru Nov. 7, 2001

Declaration of Intention Extension - Independent Candidates

Nov. 8 thru Nov. 13, 2001

Nomination Period - Independent Candidates - No Filing Fee

Jun. 10, thru Aug. 9, 2002

Nomination Period - Independent Candidates - With Filing Fee

Jun. 10, thru Aug. 9, 2002

Nomination Period - Consolidated Elections

July 15 thru Aug. 9, 2002

Nomination Period Extension - All Candidates

Aug. 14, 2002

Petition Requesting Election be held - Schools & Special Districts

Aug. 14, 2002

Judges - Write-In Campaign When Not on Ballot

Aug. 14, 2002

Randomized Alphabet

Aug. 15, 2002

Declaration of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers

Sept. 19 thru Oct. 22, 2002

Measures

Last Day to File Arguments

Aug. 16, 2002

Last Day to File Rebuttal Arguments

Aug. 26, 2002

Polling Places

List of Polling Places Available

Oct. 9, 2002

Registration

Last Day to Register to Vote

Oct. 21, 2002

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Friday, September 28, 2001 To Wednesday, November 7, 2001 (158 - 118 days)</p>	<p><u>In-Lieu Petitions Available - Independent Candidates</u> Between these dates, Independent candidates running for state legislative office may obtain forms and file signatures in-lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Forms are available from the county elections official. (E. C. 8106, 8302, 8405)</p>
<p>Monday, October 29, 2001 To Wednesday, November 7, 2001 (127 - 118 days)</p>	<p><u>Declaration of Intention - Independent Candidates</u> Between these dates, Independent candidates, except for the offices of U.S. Senate and Congress, must file a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for elective office. (E. C. 8350)</p>
<p>Thursday, November 8, 2001 To Monday, November 13, 2001 (117 - 112 days)</p>	<p><u>Declarations of Intention - Extension - Independent Candidates</u> If an incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention, Independent candidates, except for the offices of U.S. Senate and Congress, may file a Declaration of Intention no later than November 13, 2001. (E. C. 8022)</p>
<p>Friday, April 26, 2002 To Thursday, July 25, 2002 (193 - 103 days)</p>	<p><u>In-Lieu Petitions Available - Independent Candidates</u> Between these dates, Independent candidates running for a congressional office may obtain forms and file signatures in-lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Forms are available from the county elections official. (E. C. 8106)</p>
<p>Monday, June 10, 2002 To Friday, August 9, 2002 (148 - 88 days)</p>	<p><u>Independent Nominations - With Filing Fee</u> Between these dates, nomination papers for Independent candidates for offices where there is a filing fee may be obtained and left with the county elections official for verification. (E. C. 8350, 8400 8403, 8405, 8454)</p>
<p>Monday, June 10, 2002 To Friday, August 9, 2002 (148 - 88 days)</p>	<p><u>Independent Nominations - No Filing Fee</u> Between these dates, nomination papers for Independent candidates for offices where there is no filing fee may be obtained and left with the county elections official for verification. (E. C. 8403(a)(2))</p>
<p>Monday, June 10, 2002 (148 days)</p>	<p><u>Governor's Proclamation</u> By this date, the Governor will issue a proclamation calling the General Election. (E. C. 12000)</p>

<p>Friday, *July 5, 2002 To Monday, September 2, 2002 (124 - 64 days)</p>	<p><u>Certification of Nomination Papers</u> Between these dates, the elections official shall certify and file nomination papers for Independent candidates with the Secretary of State. (E. C. 8403)</p>
<p>Monday, July 15, 2002 To Friday, August 9, 2002 (113 - 88 days)</p>	<p><u>Nominations (Consolidated Elections)</u> When other elections are consolidated with the General Election, the period for filing nomination papers begins on Monday, July 15, 2002, the 113th day before the election and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2002, the 88th day before the election. (E. C. 10407)</p>
<p>Friday, August 9, 2002 (88 days)</p>	<p><u>Consolidation of School District Elections</u> The County Superintendent of Schools must file resolutions requesting consolidation with the elections official at least 88 days before the election. (Ed. C. 5342)</p>
<p>Friday, August 9, 2002 (88 days)</p>	<p><u>Tax Rate Statement Due</u> Last day to file Tax Rate Statement (E. C. 9400)</p>
<p>Friday, August 9, 2002 (88 days)</p>	<p><u>Consolidation of Local Election</u> The last day for a local governing board to file with the elections official a resolution requesting consolidation of a local election. The elections official will forward the requests to the Board of Supervisors for approval. (E. C. 10403, 10418)</p>
<p>Friday, August 9, 2002 (88 days)</p>	<p><u>Candidate's Statement - General</u> On or before this date, a nonpartisan candidate may file a candidate's statement for the General Election. If a statement was filed in the Primary Election, it may either be changed or a new one filed. (E. C. 13307)</p>
<p>Monday, August 12, 2002 (85 days)</p>	<p><u>Candidate's Statement - Withdrawal</u> On or before this date, candidates may withdraw but not change their candidate's statement. (E. C. 13307)</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 14, 2002 (83 days)</p>	<p><u>Nomination Papers - Extension of Time</u> <u>County, City, or District:</u> If an incumbent county, city or district officer fails to qualify for nomination by August 9, 2002, an additional five days is allowed for filing nomination papers by any qualified person, other than the incumbent. (E. C. 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407)</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 14, 2002 (83 days)</p>	<p><u>Judges - Write-In Campaign When Not On Ballot</u> If only an incumbent has filed nomination papers for the office of Superior Court Judge, the incumbent's name will <u>not</u> appear on the ballot <u>unless</u> a petition signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote for that office is filed with the elections official by this date. (E. C. 8203)</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 14, 2002 (83 days)</p>	<p><u>Last Day To Withdraw</u> A candidate may withdraw his or her nomination paper until the 83rd day before the election. (This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected). (E.C. 10225(b))</p>
<p>*Legal date is a holiday, extended to the next business day.</p>	

<p>Wednesday, August 14, 2002 (83 days)</p>	<p><u>Petition Requesting Election (Schools/Special Districts)</u> If there are insufficient candidates, then no election will be held in the district (or division or trustee area) unless by this date a petition has been filed with the Elections Office requesting an election be held that is signed by 10% or 50 voters in the district, division, or trustee area, whichever is smaller. (E.C. 10515, Ed. C. 5326)</p>
<p>Thursday, August 15, 2002 (82 days)</p>	<p><u>Randomized Alphabet</u> On this date, the Secretary of State will hold a drawing of the randomized alphabet to determine the order of candidates on the General Election ballot. (E. C. 13112)</p>
<p>Friday, August 16, 2002 (81 days)</p>	<p><u>Ballot Arguments - Suggested Last Day</u> Suggested last day for submission of arguments for or against a local measure consolidated with the General Election to the election office. Arguments are limited to 300 words, must be signed and have a verification statement. See "Guidelines for Filing Arguments", on page 67 of this handbook. (E. C. 9163, 9600)</p>
<p>Monday, August 26, 2002 (71 days)</p>	<p><u>Rebuttal Arguments - Suggested Last Day</u> If arguments for and against a local measure are filed by August 16, 2002, the authors have until this date to file rebuttals to the arguments. Rebuttals are limited to 250 words, must be signed and have a verification statement. (E. C. 9167, 9600)</p>
<p>Thursday, August 29, 2002 (68 days)</p>	<p><u>Certification of Candidates</u> The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the elections office a certified list showing the name, party affiliation, and ballot designation of every person entitled to receive votes within the county at the general election who has received the nomination as a candidate for public office. (E. C. 8148)</p>
<p>Thursday, August 29, 2002 (68 days)</p>	<p><u>Filling Vacancy on Ballot</u> The last day a vacancy affecting a <u>partisan</u> office may be filled and certified by the party committee.</p> <p>The last day to fill a vacancy in <u>nonpartisan</u> office caused by death of a candidate nominated at the Primary election. The name of the next highest candidate is placed on the ballot to fill the vacancy. (E. C. 8003, 8802, 8803, 8806, 8808, 8811)</p>
<p>Thursday, August 29, 2002 (68 days)</p>	<p><u>Death of Nominee</u> The last day the fact of death of candidate, partisan or nonpartisan, may be ascertained by the elections office in order to omit the name from the ballot. (E. C. 8809, 8810)</p>
<p>Monday, September 9, 2002 (57 days)</p>	<p><u>Write-In Candidate</u> The first day to file as a write-in candidate. (E. C. 8601)</p>

Monday, September 16, 2002 (50 days)	<u>Statement of Registration</u> The election office must furnish a tape of registered voters to the Secretary of State, with respect to voters who registered on the 60th day before the election. (E. C. 2187)
Thursday, September 26, 2002 To Tuesday, October 15, 2002 (40 - 21 days)	<u>Mailing of State Pamphlet</u> One copy of the state pamphlet shall be mailed to each address where voters of the same surname reside. The mailing shall be completed not less than 21 days before the election for voters registering after the 60th day before the election. (E. C. 9094)
Thursday, September 26, 2002 To Tuesday, October 15, 2002 (40 - 21 days)	<u>Mailing of Sample Ballot and Polling Place Location</u> Between these dates, voters will be mailed the sample ballot and voter's pamphlet, with their polling place. (E. C. 13303)
Monday, October 7, 2002 (29 days)	<u>Precinct Boards - Polling Places</u> Last day for the election office to issue an order appointing the members of the precinct boards, and to designate the polling places. (E. C. 12286) <u>Further Procedures Relating to Precinct Boards</u> 1. Nomination to board by county central committee (E. C. 12306) 2. Instruction of inspectors (E. C. 12309) 3. Mailing notice of appointment (E. C. 12307) List of precinct boards to central committees (E. C. 12318)
Monday, October 7, 2002 To Tuesday, October 29, 2002 (29 - 7 days)	<u>Absent Voters (Applications)</u> Between these dates, applications for absent voter ballots may be made to the election office. Applications must be received in the Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on October 29, 2002, if mailed. (E. C. 3001)
Friday, October 11, 2002 (25 days)	<u>Indexes to County Central Committees</u> Last day for the election office to furnish printed indexes of registered voters to state and county central committees of voters registered by the 54th day before the election. (E. C. 2185)
Monday, October 21, 2002 (15 days)	<u>Registration Closes</u> Last day to register to vote in this election. (E. C. 2107)
Tuesday, October 22, 2002 (14 days)	<u>Bilingual Precinct Board Members</u> The last day for the election office to prepare and make available to the public, a list of precincts to which bilingual officials were appointed. (E. C. 12303)
Tuesday, October 22, 2002 (14 days)	<u>Declaration - Write-In Candidates</u> By this date, write-in candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and nomination papers. No filing fee is required. (E. C. 8600, 8601, 8604)

Saturday, October 26, 2002 (10 days)	<u>Statement of Registration</u> On this day, the election office shall transmit to the Secretary of State the number of voters by parties and districts as of October 7, 2002 the 29th day before the election. (E. C. 2187)
Tuesday, October 29, 2002 (7 days)	<u>Supplemental Index to Central Committees</u> The last day for the elections office to furnish to state and county central committees a printed index of voters who registered after September 12, 2002, the 54th day before the election. (E. C. 2185)
Tuesday, October 29, 2002 (7 days)	<u>Absent Voter Applications - Last Day by Mail</u> The last day for the election office to receive applications for absent voter ballots by mail. They must be in the office by 5:00 p.m. (E. C. 3001)
Wednesday, October 30, 2002 (6 days)	<u>Special Request -Absent Voting</u> Voters unable to go to the polls may request an absent voter ballot in person, in the elections office, beginning six days before the election. Voters who are confined and unable to apply in person may appoint an authorized agent to receive and return their ballot. For information on this procedure, call Voter Services at 488-3246. (E. C. 3021)
<u>ELECTION DAY</u> Tuesday November 5, 2002	<u>General Election</u> Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (E. C. 14212)
Thursday, November 7, 2002 To Tuesday, December 3, 2002 (2 - 28 days after Election)	<u>Canvass Precinct Returns</u> Between these dates, the election office will complete the canvass of the precincts and submit a statement of votes to the Secretary of State for statewide candidates, Members of the Assembly and Senate, Representatives in Congress, Judges, and state measures. The elections office shall certify to the governing body the result of all other candidates and measures on the ballot, no later than the 28th day after the election. (E. C. 15301 - 15375)

